

Wilmington, Delaware
June 5, 2014

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WHEREAS, on April 14, 2014, over 300 teenaged girls in Chibok, Nigeria, were kidnapped by a militant Islamic terrorist group known as Boko Haram; and

WHEREAS, the girls were kidnapped from a local government secondary school that teaches math and science because they were receiving a non-Islamic or Western education; and

WHEREAS, in carrying out the kidnapping, Boko Haram conducted a five-hour assault on the village; and

WHEREAS, in attempting to flee their kidnappers, at least two children died; and

WHEREAS, media reports indicate that over 276 children still remain unaccounted for and that additional kidnappings by Boko Haram may be occurring in the country; and

WHEREAS, reports indicate that the children may have been forced into sexual slavery and trafficked into neighboring towns and countries; and

WHEREAS, millions around the world have called for the safe return of the girls; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington has a long tradition of opposing human trafficking of any kind in the United States and the world; and

WHEREAS, these reprehensible actions necessitate a reaffirmed commitment to speaking out against human trafficking of all kinds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City of Wilmington extend its sympathies to the families of all children who have died as a result of the Boko Haram kidnappings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that the City of Wilmington extend its strong, unified and unwavering support to the kidnapping victims, their families and the people of Nigeria as they work for the return of the girls.

Passed by City Council,
June 5, 2014

ATTEST: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 4th
day of June, 2014

Christopher Johnson
Assistant City Solicitor

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution affirms the City of Wilmington's unwavering and unified support to the victims, families, and people of Nigeria as they work to oppose the violent terrorist group Boko Haram, which continues to terrorize the country with violence and engaging in widespread human trafficking.